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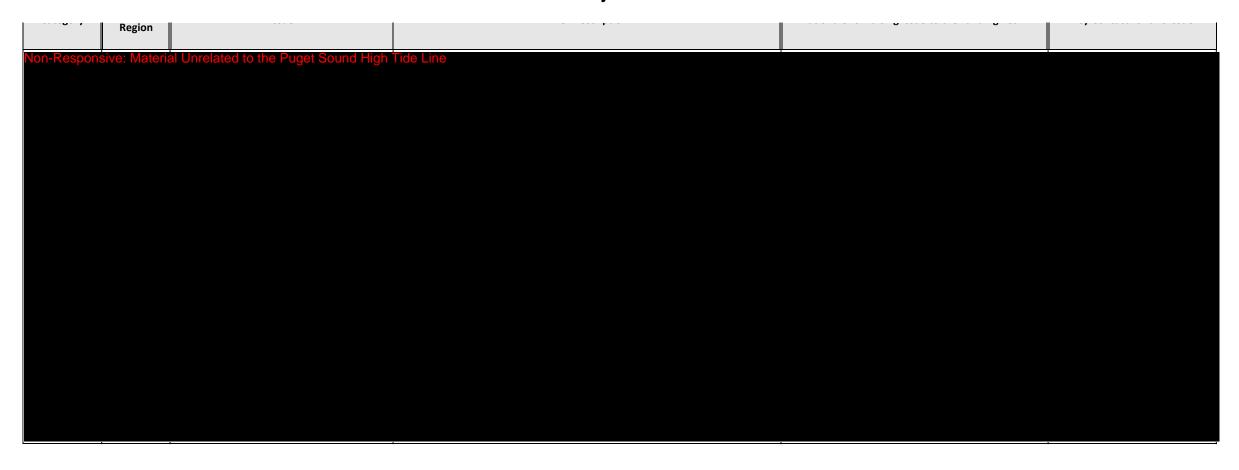
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8	eliberative Process Privilege	David Allnutt
Tidally-influenced Waters petitioned EPA and the Corps of Engineers to modify the Seattle District's interpretation of where the "high tide line" is for purposes of determining CWA jurisdiction. The Seattle District		
currently uses "mean higher high water" (MHHW) to determine where CWA jurisdiction begins. Tribes, environmental groups, NOAA-Fisheries and others believe that a higher elevation would		
Region R10 more accurately reflect the high tide line and would be more protective of endangered species' habitat in Puget Sound and elsewhere. A joint report was developed by EPA, Corps of Engineers -		
Seattle District, and NOAA, recomending the use of the "mean annual highest tide" instead of MHHW.		
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